



## City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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### For Immediate Release

### Explore Gaithersburg Community Museum Fall Programs

**Gaithersburg, MD (September 7, 2022)** The [Gaithersburg Community Museum](#) hosts a variety of programs this fall. Located in the restored 1884 B&O Railroad Station complex near the intersection of Summit and Diamond Avenues in Olde Towne, the Museum features educational exhibits and activities designed to spark interest and imagination about our City's history. Explore all programs [here](#).

#### [Drop-In Activity Weekends](#)

Simple, self-directed themed activities and projects from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Reservations not required.

- **Hispanic Heritage Month – September 17 & 18**  
Stop by the Museum to make a Guatemalan worry doll.
- **Trick or Treat at the Museum – October 29 & 30**  
Visit the Museum in costume and receive a treat. Then have fun making a Halloween craft.
- **Celebrating GIS and Maps – November 12 & 13**  
Learn more about Geographic Information Systems, how GIS applies to our daily lives, and the connection between GIS and the Gaithersburg International Latitude Observatory.

#### [Discovery Days](#)

Special activities with visiting organizations increase both learning and fun at the Museum. 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Reservations not required.

- **Train Day – Sunday, October 2**  
Immerse yourself in everything trains at the Community Museum. Local Locos Live Steamers will share their large scale steam engines. Make a train craft, see model trains, and most likely see real trains as they pass by the Museum. The 1918 Steam Engine will be open. Anyone boarding the engine under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Note that the steam engine is not accessible; it requires climbing a ladder.
- **National Camping Day – Saturday, November 19**  
Stop by the Museum to explore camping and outdoor living. Learn some survival techniques and find out about local places to camp.

## Olde Towne Plaza

- **DrinkMaryland: Olde Towne Gaithersburg – Friday, September 9, 4 – 8 p.m.**  
DrinkMaryland is making a stop in Olde Towne Gaithersburg. Learn about the local craft beverage industry from the vintners, brewers and distillers themselves, then sample their products in an open-air, market-style setting at Olde Towne Plaza. The event includes live entertainment, food vendors, and artisans and crafters. Admission is free; tasting passes are required. Passes are \$20 with advance purchase [here](#), \$25 on-site. Must be 21 to purchase alcoholic beverages.
- **Zombie Ball – Friday, October 28, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.**  
Bring your best Monster MOVES to the first [Zombie Ball](#) in Olde Towne Plaza. We will THRILL to the tunes of the best Halloween dance music as we SHAKE, rattle, and roll. Come MASH it up with us. The dancing begins at 7:30 and goes to 8:30, but grab a bite to eat and a drink from the food trucks and beverage vendors before or afterwards. Early registration \$10; \$15 at the door. Must be 21 to purchase alcoholic beverages.

## Exploring GIS

The City is proud of the research conducted at Gaithersburg's International Latitude Observatory that helped build today's GPS. Here are ways we'll be celebrating Geographic Information Systems:

- **Drop-in Weekend Activity: Celebrating GIS and Maps – November 12 & 13, 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**  
Learn more about Geographic Information Systems, how GIS applies to our daily lives, and the connection between GIS and the Gaithersburg International Latitude Observatory.
- **Gaithersburg Scavenger Hunt – November 14 – 18**  
Explore Gaithersburg using longitude and latitude. We will share the coordinates for a different site each day November 14 – 18. Post an image of the site (selfies welcome) to be entered to win a Gaithersburg swag bag and bragging rights. You are allowed one entry for each site you post and we're giving you a couple of extra days to submit. Tag [@GaithersburgCommunityMuseum](#) on Facebook, use #GburgMuseum on Instagram, or e-mail your images to [museum@gaitHERSBURGMD.GOV](mailto:museum@gaitHERSBURGMD.GOV) by November 20. We'll post the answers on Monday, November 21. The winner will be notified December 1.
- **Museum After Hours: Visualizing Injustice: Early NAACP Cartographers and Racial Inequality in America – Wednesday, November 16, 7 p.m.**  
Historian John Hessler with the Library of Congress will discuss the use of cartography in highlighting racial injustice in America. Not only do professional cartographers and geographers use maps for this purpose, it is also part of the toolbox that activists use to make complex issues more understandable to the population at-large. Registration required. Suitable for ages 13+. Learn more [here](#).

## Black History in Gaithersburg

- **Museum After Hours: Gaithersburg Before and After Emancipation – Tuesday, November 1, 7 p.m.**  
The Community Museum is recognizing Maryland's Emancipation Day with a talk by historian Anthony Cohen. Mr. Cohen is researching Black history in Gaithersburg as part of the Gaithersburg History Project. He will join us to discuss Gaithersburg's enslaved population before and after Emancipation. Location TBD. Registration required. Suitable for ages 13+. Learn more [here](#).

### StoryTime Station

Enjoy a morning of books, songs, and movement. Participants will leave with activity sheets to do at home. This program is free and recommended for ages 2 – 6. Tuesdays at 11 a.m. Registration required.

- September 27: ABCs with author Chiêu Anh Urban
- October 25: Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) with guest readers from the Gaithersburg Library.
- November 22: Feasting around the World with guest readers from the Gaithersburg Library.

The Gaithersburg Community Museum's programs are funded in part by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC). To discover more about MSAC grants and how they impact Maryland's arts sector, visit [www.msac.org](http://www.msac.org).

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